

REMARKS

Claims 16 and 17 remain pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections and rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

SPECIFICATION

The abstract stands objected to for using words which can be implied. Although Applicant does not agree, Applicant elects to amend the abstract according to the Examiner's suggestions. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 16 and 17 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting in view of Application No. 10/087,606. Applicant notes that Application No. 10/087,606 issued on April 20, 2004 as U.S. Patent No. 6,724,271. Accordingly, Applicant encloses a terminal disclaimer herewith in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome a rejection based on U.S. Patent No. 6,724,271. Therefore, this rejection should be moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 16 and 17 would be allowable if a terminal disclaimer is timely filed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). As noted above, Applicant submits a terminal disclaimer herewith. Therefore, claims 16 and 17 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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